Defence deals approved and sanctioned

115. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) the year-wise details of defence deals/projects involving upgradation of equipment/arms approved and sanctioned in the last three years and the amount of funds sanctioned therefor;

(b) whether all the approved projects/deals have been completed;

(c) if so, the amount of funds utilized till date;

(d) if not, the number of projects still pending and when they are expected to be completed; and

(e) whether any delay has occurred in any deal/proejct and if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES) : (a) to (e) Acquistion and upgradation of equipment/arms is an ongoing process dictated primarily by the threat preceptions, prevailing external strategic/ security environment, availability of funds as also the emerging technologies. It is not in the interest of national security to disclose details of such defence deals and projects.

Some projects and deals have been completed while others are at various stages of completion as this is a continuous process, often spread over more than one year. The receipt of equipments contracted for is closely monitored and in case of non-receipt, action under the contract is taken.

The three Defence Services have incurred the following expenditure on modernization during the last three years :

(Rs. in Crores)

Sl. No.	Year	Budget Estimate	Revised Estimate	Actual Expenditure
1.	2000-2001	16002.63	12897.42	10501.91
2.	2001-2002	17865.76	15046.09	14429.59
3.	2002-2003	18881.69	12808.26	12938.64*

*Provisional